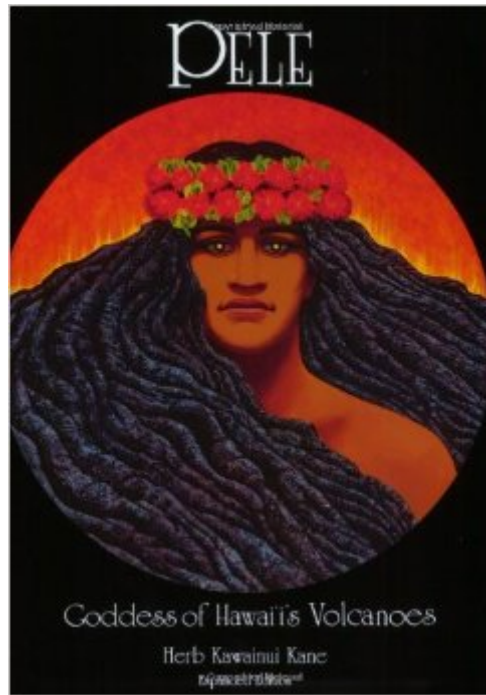


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# Pele: Goddess Of Hawaii's Volcanoes



## Synopsis

Myths, legends, romances and folktales of the most fascinating goddess of old Hawaii. Pele lives in Hawaiian hearts and minds as the personification of volcanic majesty and power. Having the power to create new land, she has a volcanic personality - an impetuous, lusty nature, jealous, unpredictable, capable of sudden fury and great violence. Yet she can also be gentle, loving and as serene as her forests of ferns and flowering trees.

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This small but beautiful book is a marvelous introduction to Hawai'ian mythology through the volcano goddess Pele. Also contains information about the other Hawai'ian gods, which were largely imported from Tahitian myths. The book presents the reader with the facts and fallacies behind the lore of Pele through very readable and enjoyable text and beautiful paintings. Of special interest is the list of stories about Pele sightings that have occurred since the beginning of Hawai'ian history and which continue to this day. Also contains much fascinating information about Hawai'ian culture (which tourists often take for granted), including the cultural and spiritual importance of the hula dance. Highly recommended!

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definitely recommend this book!

A fascinating history of the goddess Pele in legend and history, telling her story from ancient Hawaii to the present. Particularly interesting is the author's description of people returning rocks taken from Hawaii in the belief that they have been cursed. It seems Pele's presence is still very much felt in Hawaii. The book is full of absolutely gorgeous illustrations, it would be worth buying for those alone, but the text is absorbing too. If you want to know about Pele, this book will tell you everything about her.

Great book, I grew up reading this book and was so happy to get it again. It is full of great pictures and stories of Hawaiian legends and tales, would recommend for anyone interested in Hawaiian beliefs and stories. This one is true and well written and an accurate depiction, definitely recommend!!

\*\*\*\*\*This is a lovely short book (71 pages), spectacularly illustrated by the author. Even though the classification of this book is "juvenile literature", it is a collector's item for anyone who loves Hawaiian culture. It is illustrated with black-and-white and color drawings by the author whose value alone surpasses the price of the book. There are many stories about Pele, the Hawaiian goddess of volcanoes, written in an enjoyable style, exploring both past and current legends and folklore. The author, Herb Kawainui Kane, was elected a Living Treasure of Hawai'i, and does an excellent job with this book.\*\*\*\*\*

Herb Kawainui Kona is not only a wonderful artist, but also a wonderful story teller. Whenever we have family or guest visiting we ALWAYS make sure to send EACH of them home with a copy. (if we sent them only home w/ one there would be fights trust me) Pele: Goddess of Hawaii's Volcanoes is a book about the stories of old Hawaii nei. While reading the stories, you will also find the most BEAUTIFUL painting of what Mr Kane sees. I so believe that Mr. Kane and Pele are related, or this man has met tutu Pele. I believe you also will agree after reading this book. Also be sure to check out other items about this most awesome gentleman. If you are ever on the Island of Hawaii (aka The Big Island) be sure to go to Volcano Park and see his work up close. Also one might want to type Herb Kawainui Kane on google, yahoo. etc. I do hope that you buy this book and enjoy it as much as we have. Aloha

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